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Group No. 1631  
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Customer No.: 34309

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action  
dated January 14, 2004. Amendments will be presented on the pages that follow.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.